

WINTER PROGRAMS













January and February 2023

Wachusett Mountain State Reservation





Programs At a Glance

TUESDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">10:00am–11:30am: Mysteries in Snow1:00pm–1:45pm: Wildlife on the Mountain	THURSDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">11:00am–12:00pm: Winter Tree ID1:00pm–1:30pm: A Peak Back in Time2:00pm–3:30pm: Take a Hike!	SATURDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">10:00am–11:30am: Mysteries in Snow1:00pm–1:45pm: Wildlife on the Mountain
WEDNESDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">10:00am–11:30am: Mysteries is Snow1:00pm–1:45pm: The Forest Before Us	FRIDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">11:00am–11:30am: Winter World	FEBRUARY SCHOOL VACATION <ul style="list-style-type: none">Check back for special program dates and times to be announced!

Program Descriptions

MYSTERIES IN SNOW  <p>Join us to solve the mysteries of animal tracks at Wachusett Mountain. Be sure to dress warmly and wear winter boots and bring snowshoes if you have them. You may call the visitor center ahead of time for an update on snow conditions. If there is no snow this will be an indoor presentation on animal tracks.</p> <p><i>Meet at the Visitor Center for this outdoor program.</i> Appropriate for all ages, but children must be accompanied by an adult.</p>	WINTER TREE I.D. WALK   <p>Join a park interpreter on a leisurely trail walk at Mount Wachusett. Learn how to use tree shape, and bark to identify common species of trees in the winter.</p> <p><i>Meet at the Visitor Center. This walk will cover less than half a mile on easy terrain.</i> Appropriate for ages 10 and above.</p>
A PEAK BACK IN TIME   <p>Come journey with us to Wachusett’s past. We will learn about our geologic history, the last ice age, the Native American Nipmuc people who inhabited this area, the fascinating summit houses that once stood on top of the mountain, the historic Civilian Conservation Corps era, the Hurricane of ‘38, the legend of Lucy Keyes, and much more.</p> <p><i>This program takes place indoors at the Visitor Center.</i> Appropriate for ages 10 and above.</p>	WINTER WORLD: ANIMAL SURVIVAL   <p>How do animals survive the brutal conditions of extreme cold and little to eat during winter? We’ll learn about the miraculous strategies that our wild animals have adapted.</p> <p><i>This program takes place indoors at the Visitor Center.</i> Appropriate for ages 10 and above.</p>
TAKE A HIKE!  <p>Join us in our tradition of free hikes. This hike is geared towards adults with various hiking experience. Whether you are a beginner or an advanced hiker, these hikes are a great way to experience the mountain with like-minded folks.</p> <p><i>This program meets at the Visitor Center. Micro-spikes or snowshoes may be required.</i> Appropriate for adults of all ages.</p>	WILDLIFE ON THE MOUNTAIN   <p>Discover the fascinating lives of the “locals” as we talk about wildlife habitats, competition, and survival on Wachusett Mountain. See and touch the skins, skulls, and tracks of some of our native animals, including coyotes, deer, moose, bobcats, bears, and more.</p> <p><i>This program takes place indoors at the Visitor Center.</i> Appropriate for ages 5 and above.</p>
THE FOREST BEFORE US   <p>Can’t see the forest for the trees? We can help! Join us as we talk about forest growth from the last glacial period to the present. A special feature is an overview of the unique and rare old growth forests of Wachusett Mountain, with a wide variety of trees that are several hundred years old.</p> <p><i>This program takes place indoors at the Visitor Center.</i> Appropriate for ages 10 and above.</p>	



Programs are free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. An adult must accompany all children under the age of 15. Reasonable accommodations available upon advance request. Please dress for the outdoors with sturdy footwear, and bring water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit Mass.gov/COVID .	 Wheelchair accessible
Programs are subject to cancellation based on staff availability and weather conditions.	 Designed for kids
	 Fun for the whole family
	 Hiking